

Remarks

Claims 1-25 are pending by this application. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled. In view of following comments, allowance of all the rejected claims in the application is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,631. Without acknowledging the merits or substance of this rejection and while preserving the right to distinguish over the applied reference, which is commonly owned, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

A full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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